

***SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 8, 2003***

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners and Tippecanoe County Council met in a special joint meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member John L. Knochel. Council members present were: President Connie Basham, Vice President Ronald L. Fruitt, Jeffrey Kessler, Betty J. Michael, and Jeffrey A. Kemper; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Councilmembers Kathy Vernon and David S. Byers and Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston were absent.)

Greg Guerrettaz, President of Financial Solutions and Tippecanoe County's Financial Consultant, was also present.

President Benson called the County Commissioners' meeting to order.

President Basham called the County Council's meeting to order.

CASH MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Greg Guerrettaz

Mr. Guerrettaz announced that he met earlier with Treasurer Oneta Tolle and Attorney Dave Luhman and thinks they will have a bank recommendation by next week. He noted the banks have offered competitive rates.

PROPOSED TIPPECANOE COUNTY OPERATING PLAN 2003-2006: Auditor Bob Plantenga

Auditor Plantenga explained the sections in the proposed Operating Plan for 2003-2006.

DISCUSSION

It was noted that we may want to establish a Rainy Day Fund to set a cash balance aside.

The Auditor was asked to distribute a list of fees charged prior to departmental visits by Council reps.

Commissioner Shedd asked if it is time for County representatives to make a return trip to the bond agencies in New York. Mr. Guerrettaz said this is a process and the County needs to keep the agencies up to date on our status. He will need approximately 60 days to set up a trip. The Operating Plan needs to be tweaked before the trip.

GUERRETTAZ'S OBSERVATIONS

- Review staff numbers and cost.
- Continue with the Revenue Committee.
- Talk to the County's benefit consultant regarding Health Insurance offer for employees who retire early.
- Budget guidance regarding interest.
- Ask department heads to prepare reasons they are not flat lining their 2004 Budget.
- Establish a payment agreement with the State to pay delinquent Institutional Care bills.

Suggestion: Auditor Plantenga present this budget information to department heads at their next meeting at noon on August 13, 2003.

NEXT MEETING

The next Joint Meeting of the Commissioners and Council with Mr. Guerrettaz will be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 9, 2003 in the Tippecanoe Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn the Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

KD Benson, President

Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President

John L. Knochel, Member

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor